

# The Pirate Press

Neah-Kah-Nie High School's Weekly Newsletter

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December 6, 2024

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## Upcoming Dates: 📅

### December:

- Dec 9: Board Meeting @6:30pm
  - Dec 11: Parent Advisory Council Meeting
  - Dec 12: Winterfest from 6-9pm
  - Dec 14: Robotics Meet, Speech and Debate Meet, ACT Testing
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 [CLICK HERE FOR THE SCHOOL MENU](#) 

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## Student Life 📖

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW NHS MEMBERS!

On December 3rd, the National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony at 6:30 PM. Nine new members took an oath and were inducted into this prestigious club. Congratulations to all of our new members, Miram Christensen, Starla Rootlieb, Yukon Norris Rivera, Travis Poole, Bryar Konruff, Bianca Smith, Ashley Perez, Viva Simmons, and Ruby Hucek Marteeny! Great Job!



## STUDENTS OF THE TRIMESTER

Congratulations to the NKN HS Students of the Trimester! Alex Martinez Velasquez, Andrew Browne, Ashur Ortman, Augustus Kosharek, Dahlia Reyes Avalos, Dillon Gardner, Dylan Groshart, Emmanuel Hardy, Xandre Haight, Greyson Lott, Hailey Venable, Kaymen Westmoreland, David Haines, Lilia Pozos, Rorik Tierson, Shelby Zelek, Thomas Vo, Yeoshuah Diaz Figueroa, Amber Lyons, and Zane Krumenaker!



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## Attendance Matters!

### TRIMESTER 1 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congrats to the NKN HS Perfect Attendance recipients! Andrew Browne, Alexander Browne, Gus Kirby, Trinity Schenk-Williams, August Kosharek, Travis Poole, Diana Ilinescu, and Ian Rombach.





## Overall School Attendance

91%

\*our school goal is 95%

A safe average attendance rate is considered 90%. Safe in this context means that our students are at school consistently and can build positive relationships with both peers and adults as they learn to navigate the K-12 system. These relationships are critical in establishing healthy and helpful attendance habits early on.

Our school's average attendance goal is 95%.

Please know that a doctor's note is only required for an extended period of illness. We know that as our student's immune systems adjust to living and working with so many people outside of their family, there will be times when they have to stay home to recover from a cold or flu. Any questions about attendance or illness can be directed to the main office.

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**Toy & Clothing  
Drive**

**November 21 -- December 13**

Donation Drop-off locations at  
all NKN schools & around the community

Help to spread joy and love to children  
and families in need by donating gently  
loved or new toys & clothing!

Sponsored by Leo's Club &  
National Honor Society

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# SENIOR YEARBOOK SUBMISSIONS

## DUE APRIL 1ST, 2025

- **BABY PICTURES**

- THESE WILL BE PRESENTED AT GRADUATION DURING A SLIDESHOW. FEEL FREE TO USE AS MANY AS YOU LIKE (4-6 IS BEST).

- **SENIOR PICTURES**

- THESE PICTURES WILL BE IN THE SLIDESHOW ALONGSIDE THE BABY PICTURES. USE AS MANY AS YOU LIKE, BUT 1 OR 2 WORK BEST IF YOU USE 6+ BABY PICTURES.

- **WALL PICTURE**

- THIS PICTURE NEEDS TO BE A CLOSE UP (SHOULDERS UP). ANY PICTURE SUBMITTED SHOULD BE OF HIGHEST QUALITY (PIXEL COUNT). PLEASE NOTE ANY PICTURE THAT IS NOT A CLOSE UP WILL BE CROPPED TO FIT THE FRAME FOR THE HALLWAY.

- **YEARBOOK PICTURE**

- THIS PICTURE WILL BE FEATURED IN THE YEARBOOK. THE FORMAT IS PORTRAIT STYLE AND THERE WILL BE SIX STUDENTS ON A PAGE. THIS PICTURE CAN BE WHATEVER THE SENIOR CHOOSES BUT IT HAS TO BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE (I.E. NO WEAPONS, GORE, OR PARAPHERNALIA).

- **YEARBOOK QUOTE**

- THIS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE YEARBOOK NEXT TO THE SENIOR'S PICTURE. ALL QUOTES HAVE TO BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE (I.E. NO CUSSING, DEROGATIVE TERMS, OR BULLYING) AND BE APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION.

ALL PHOTO SUBMISSIONS NEED TO BE AN IMAGE FORMAT (JPEG/PNG)  
ALL PHOTOS AND QUOTES ARE DUE TO SABRINA EISELE @ SABRINAE@NKNSD.ORG



**CASH PRIZES!**

The O[yes] media contest now includes **graphic design.**

Oregon Young Employee Safety

# Media contest

Create an ad for our Young Employee Safety Awareness online training!

Video contest:	Graphic design contest:
<b>First prize: \$500</b>	<b>First prize: \$500</b>
Second prize: \$400	Second prize: \$400
Third prize: \$300	Third prize: \$300

#oyescontest



Watch last year's winning video

First place winners' schools will receive matching prizes.

Find the contest rules, entry form, and checklist along with more information online at: [youngemployeesafety.org/contest](http://youngemployeesafety.org/contest)

Submit your entries by:  
**February 21, 2025**  
5:00 p.m.



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## Costa Rica Exchange Opportunity

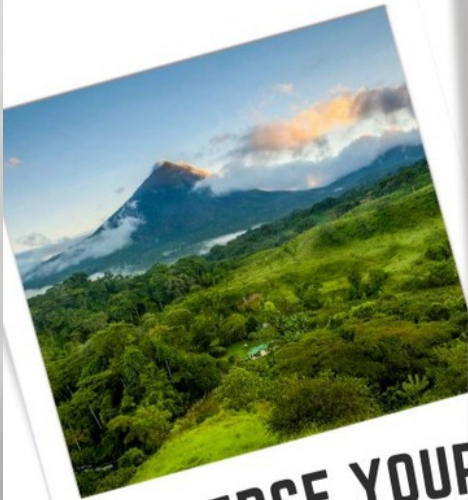
Mudd Nick is sponsoring two Neah-Kah-Nie Spanish Language students for the experience of a lifetime. Mudd Nick will award two scholarships for students who are selected by the Partners of America Costa Rica Exchange Program. Scholarship applications are now being accepted and are due by Dec. 6, 2024. For more information or to get a copy of the application, contact Mudd Nick program coordinator James Johansen at [jamesj@nknsc.org](mailto:jamesj@nknsc.org) or follow this link: [Mudd Nick Partners of America Scholarship Application](#)

[Click Here for Application](#)



# COSTA RICA

## HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE



**IMMERSE YOURSELF IN 8 LIFE CHANGING WEEKS**

**CHECK IT OUT!**

**[PARTNERSORCR.COM](http://PARTNERSORCR.COM)**

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### After School Tutoring in Room 3

Stephanie Gomez and Shawn Lehr offer after school tutoring on Thursdays in room 3 from 4:00-6:00. Students needing to access the activity bus can do so at the end. Students can sign up with Amy in the main office.

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### Help is Available!

Scan the QR Code to view and access resources relating to:

- Mental Health
- Suicide
- LGBTQ+
- Sexual Assault, dating violent, domestic violence, and abuse
- Student and school safety
- Food pantries
- Housing and shelter
- Childcare and parenting



Information that is helpful to know:

Student Wellness Center is Open!



**AT NEAH-KAH-NIE HIGH SCHOOL**

**HOURS:**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)
<b>Wednesdays</b> <small>Counseling appointments only</small>	8:30 am – 12:30 pm / 1:30 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm)
<b>Thursdays</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm / 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

**SERVICES AVAILABLE:**

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center offers various medical services, including:

Regular check-ups	Dental screenings
Sports physicals	Blood-pressure screenings
Care for illness and injury	Health education
Immunizations	Counseling
Routine lab tests	Wellness opportunities
Prescription medications	Referrals for other medical services (Dental, X-rays, MRIs, Specialty)
Age-appropriate reproductive health	
Vision screenings	

**Learn more at: [NKNHealth.org](http://NKNHealth.org)**

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center | Telephone: 503-355-3500 | Fax: 844-720-1901

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## Student Illness and Absence

### Call or Email the Main Office to Let Us Know

Our phone number is 503-355-2772.

The email is [amy@nknsd.org](mailto:amy@nknsd.org)

It is important to let us know that your child will not be attending so we do not worry about them. If your child is not at school, and we haven't heard from you, then you will receive an automated phone call notifying you of your child's absence.'

### How long does my child need to wait to return to school after an illness?


The answer to this question depends on their symptoms. Our school has to follow the directives from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) regarding when students may be readmitted to school after an illness. Please review the provided info from OHA. **Please also note that the period of**



exclusion often requires 24 hours away from school (this is not a rule that the school developed, but one we have to follow).

**PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OUT OF SCHOOL**

This list is school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	THE STUDENT MAY RETURN AFTER... *The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.
 <b>Fever:</b> temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	<b>*Fever-free for 24 hours</b> without taking fever-reducing medicine.
 <b>New cough illness</b>	<b>* Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (no cough or cough is well-controlled).
 <b>New difficulty breathing</b>	<b>* Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
 <b>Diarrhea:</b> 3 loose or watery stools in a day <b>OR</b> not able to control bowel movements	<b>*Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (no more than two bowel movements more than normal and no longer having accidents) <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 <b>Vomiting:</b> one or more episode that is unexplained	<b>*Symptom-free for 24 hours OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 <b>Headache with stiff neck and fever</b>	<b>*Symptom-free OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
<b>Skin rash or open sores</b>	<b>*Symptom free</b> , which means rash is gone <b>OR</b> sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Red eyes with colored drainage</b>	<b>*Symptom-free</b> , which means redness and drainage are gone <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Jaundice:</b> new yellow color in eyes or skin	<b>*After the school has orders</b> from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
<b>Acting differently without a reason:</b> unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused.	<b>*Symptom-free</b> , which means return to normal behavior <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Major health event,</b> like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks <b>OR</b> a hospital stay, <b>OR health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide.</b>	<b>*After the school has orders</b> from doctor to school nurse <b>AND</b> after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely.



## Medication

All prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medication must be administered at the office by trained personnel.

Medication that you want your child to take during the school day has to be brought to the office in the original container (or we cannot take possession of the medication). Parents must complete the medicine administration form before trained personnel can dispense medication to a child. ALL OTC medications must be handled through the office (this includes cough drops). If you have any questions about medication administration and school, please contact our main office.



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<https://nknsd.org/neath-kah-nie-high-school/>

